GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department – Verification of work "CPWS Scheme to Cheepurupalli and other habitations (Phase-III) of Vizianagaram District – Disciplinary proceedings against Sri N. Meher Prasad, the then Superintending Engineer (Retd.), Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Circle , Vizianagaram District and others – Charges framed – Appointment of Sri B. Hareram Naik, Chief Engineer & Project Director, APDWSC as Inquiry Officer and Sri Ehsan Basha, Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Circle, Srikakulam as Presenting Officer under Rule 20(2) and 20(5)(c) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.VI) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 640 **Dated: 13-11-2024**

Read the following:

1. From the Director General, G.A. (V&E) Department, Vigilance Report No.30, (C.No.1186-1/V&E/ENGG/2016), dt:16.09.2022.
2. Govt. Memo. No.1866417/Vig.VI/2022, dated:13/01/2023.
3. From ENC, RWS&S, letter No. Vig(I)/RWS&S/V&E-30/2023, dt:09.02.2023.
4. G.O Ms No.35-38, PR&RD(VIG.VI) Dept, dt:09.05.2023 .
5. G.O Rt No.266-269, PR&RD(VIG.VI) Dept, dt:09.05.2023
6. From E-in-C, RWS&S, letter No .Vig(I)/RWS&S/V&E-30/2023, dt: 22.06.2023, 21.07.2023 & 15.09.2023.
7. Govt. Memo No. 1866417/Vig.VI/2022, Date:02/11/2023.
8. From E-in-C, RWS&S, letter No. Vig(I)/RWS&S/V&E-30/2023, dt:18.01.2024.
9. From E-in-C, RWS&S, letter No. Vig(I)/RWS&S/V&E-30/2023, dt:05.03.2024.
10. G.O.Rt.No.639, PR&RD(VIG.VI) Dept, dt:13.11.2024.

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ORDER:

Whereas, in the reference 1st read above, the Director General, General Administration (V&E) Department has reported that, the Vigilance & Enforcement Department officials verified the aspects of estimation, entrustment and execution of the work "CPWS Scheme to Cheepurupalli and other habitations (Phase-III) in Vizianagaram District" taken up by Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department in the erstwhile Vizianagaram District. The General Administration (V&E) Department has recommended for Disciplinary action against Sri N. Meher Prasad, the then Superintending Engineer (Retd.), Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Circle , Vizianagaram District and others, for their lapses towards the above said work.

2. In the G.O 4th read above, disciplinary proceedings were initiated against the following Officers under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980 duly framing Article of Charges under Rule-20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991

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(i) Sri N. Meher Prasad, the then Superintending Engineer (Retd.), Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Circle, Vizianagaram District;

(ii) Sri P.V. Jagannadha Raju, the then Assistant Engineer (Retd.), Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Maintenance Sub-Division, Cheepurupalli, Vizianagaram District;

(iii) Sri P. Ravi, the then Deputy Executive Engineer (Retd.), Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Maintenance Sub-Division, Cheepurupalli, Vizianagaram District ; and

(iv) Sri T. Srinivasa Rao, the then Executive Engineer (Retd.), Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Division, Vizianagaram District; and

3. In the reference 10th read above, further disciplinary proceedings against the Charged Officer Sri P.V. Jagannadha Raju, the then Assistant Engineer (Retd.), Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Maintenance Sub- Division, Cheepurupalli, Vizianagaram District is abated as he was expired on 10.09.2023, in terms of Rule 9(7)(a) of the Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980, subject to recovery of loss, if any, caused to Government.

4. In the reference 8th read above, the Engineer-in-Chief has forwarded the written statements of defence submitted by Charged Officers, in which, the Charged Officers requested to exonerate/ drop the Articles of Charge framed against them.

5. After examining the written statements of defence submitted by the Charged Officers, the Government have decided to conduct regular departmental Inquiry against the Charged Officers on the charges framed against them. Accordingly hereby appoint Sri B. Hareram Naik, Chief Engineer & Project Director, APDWSC as Inquiry Officer, under Rule 20 (2) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991, to conduct detailed Inquiry into the charges framed against Sri N. Meher Prasad, the then Superintending Engineer (Retd.), Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Circle, Vizianagaram District and others.

6. The Government also hereby appoint Sri Ehsan Basha, Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Circle, Srikakulam as Presenting Officer to present the case before the Inquiry Officer, appointed in para 5 above, on behalf of the Government, under Rule, 20 (5) (C) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

7. The Presenting Officer shall well acquaint himself with the facts of the case and present the case, before the Inquiry Officer, effectively. He is also requested to obtain and produce all necessary documents required by the Inquiry Officer, during the course of Inquiry and defend the case.

8. The Inquiry Officer is requested to conduct Inquiry strictly in terms of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 and submit his report in two (02) months, as required under

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Sub- rule 18(ii) of the above said Rule. Copies of charge Memo issued to the Charged Officers and Written statements of defence submitted by the Charged Officers are herewith furnished to the Inquiry Officer as required under Rule 20(7) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri B. Hareram Naik, Chief Engineer & Project Director, APDWSC and Inquiry Officer (W.e.)
Sri Ehsan Basha, Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Circle, Srikakulam and Presenting Officer.
The individuals through the Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Vijayawada.
The Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Vijayawada.

Copy to:
The OSD to Hon'ble Dy.CM (PR&RD).
The P.S to Spl CS., to Govt., (PR&RD).
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SECTION OFFICER